

2 June 1843

PASTORAL ADDRESS

Remigius Gaulin, by the Grace of God and the authority of the Holy Apostolic See, Bishop of Kingston, &c., &c.

To our Venerable Brethren the Clergy, and to our Beloved Children in Christ the Laity of our Diocese, Health and Benediction in the Lord.

It is with the greatest joy and satisfaction that we make known to you, that on the twentieth of this month, the solemnity of the Festival of the glorious Assumption of the B. V. Mary, the Right Revd. Patrick Phelan received Episcopal Consecration in the City of Montreal under the title of Bishop of Carthage *in partibus infidelium*, and that he has likewise been appointed our Coadjutor, with the right of succession, by His Holiness Gregory, the Sixteenth of the name, by Letters Apostolic bearing date the twentieth day of February of the present year. We invite you, in consequence, Dearly Beloved Brethren, to offer up sincere thanks to Almighty God for this new mark of His kindness and mercy towards the faithful of the Diocese of Kingston. The Prelate, whom the Holy See has thus been graciously pleased to promote to the Episcopal Dignity, and appoint as our Coadjutor, is already well known by his untiring zeal, his prudence, and all those virtues and qualifications, which should always be found in the first pastors of the Church of J. C. We inform you at the same time, that considering the weak state of our health, and the many grievous infirmities with which it has pleased God to visit us, we have determined with the advice of our Episcopal Brethren to confide to the hands of our Coadjutor the entire Administration of the Diocese of Kingston, with full authority to exercise without limitation all the powers of the Ordinary. We also hereby communicate to the Right Revd. Prelate all the faculties which we have received from the Holy See, being fully authorized to that effect, reserving to ourselves the title of our See and the ordinary jurisdiction which we cannot divest ourselves of, without the express consent of the Roman Pontiff. In thus confiding the charge of our Diocese to this worthy Prelate, we have consulted your interest, your spiritual advancement, and the advantage of the Church. You will, therefore, for the future apply to him on all occasions where heretofore you applied to us, and according to the tenor of the Apostolical letters above mentioned, you will pay the same respect, obedience, and submission to his Ordinances, pastoral letters, regulations, &c. as to our own, for to his care do we hereby intrust the future Government and administration of our Diocese. It is our express intention that you render to our Coadjutor the same honors, and give him the same marks of distinction as if we were ourselves personally present. Nothing but the love and affection which we bear you, and the interests of religion could have induced us to adopt this important step. But We feel that we can no longer bear the weight of the burden that has been imposed upon us, and the responsibility attached to the office of a Bishop in the Church of God. We shall never cease to offer up our most fervent prayers to the throne of mercy in your behalf; for our heart is filled with the warmest affection for you; and we shall always feel the deepest interest, and solicitude for your spiritual and temporal happiness. May the spirit of peace, of union, of charity dwell among you,—May you enjoy every blessing, and edify all men by the practice of these heavenly virtues which characterize the true disciples of J. C.

The present pastoral address shall be read from the pulpit, or the Altar during Divine Service on the first Sunday after its reception, in all the Churches, Chapels and Stations of each mission.

Give at Montreal under our hand and seal, and the countersign of our Secretary, the twenty second day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.



RUS. EPUS REGPLS.

By His Lordship's command.

(A true Copy)

PATRICK DOLLARD, Priest
Secretary.

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The Right Rev^d P. F. Turgeon
Bishop of Sydney.